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IN RE APPLICATION OF: WAYNE J. SCHMIDT, ROBERT BERNER,  
AND DANIEL J. WOODRUFF

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FOR: PLATING SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS

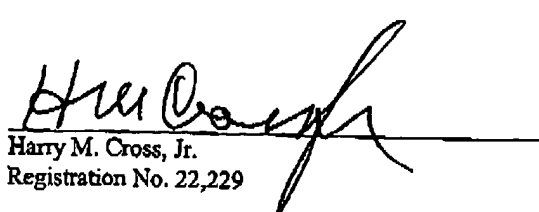
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Washington, D.C. 20231DECLARATION OF HARRY M. CROSS, JR.

1. I, Harry M. Cross, Jr., am Corporate Counsel of Semitool, Inc. located in Kalispell, Montana.
2. In March, 2002, Ms. Janice Pike of Semitool, Inc., spoke with Examiner William Leader regarding the status of the present application and discovered that the application was abandoned on November 6, 2001, for failure to reply to an Office Action.
3. After discovering that the present application was abandoned, Ms. Pike informed Mr. Robert B. Polit, the attorney of record, that the application had been abandoned on November 6, 2001, for failure to reply to an Office Action dated March 27, 2001. In late March, 2002, Semitool, Inc. transferred responsibility of the present application to the law firm Perkins Coie, LLP to revive the application.
4. Semitool, Inc. did not intend to abandon this application, and the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional.
5. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that all statements were made with the knowledge that making willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

This Declaration is executed on the 3rd day of October, 2002.  
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